

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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The Rose Haven Site.
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Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18AN279

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III ☒

Project Justification:

This report is the work product of the 1977 Archeological Society of Maryland (ASM) Field Session in Archeology at the Rose Haven Site in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Investigation of the site was prompted by the threat of private land development. The threat to the site was brought to the attention of the Maryland State Archeologist in early 1977 by a member of ASM. A housing development was to be constructed northwest of the site, with a sewer line running directly through the site to the marsh located to the southeast. At that time, Anne Arundel County did not yet have its zoning laws related to archeological mitigation during the subdivision permitting and review process. The site was excavated as a salvage job using volunteer labor provided by ASM with the permission of the property owner.

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Project Objectives:

- 1) Evaluate the nature and significance of the site.
- 2) Encourage the preservation of the site outside the impact of the sewer line installation.
- 3) Determine what procedures should be used to minimize the loss of significant information if partial destruction of the site is necessary.

Research Potential:

The Rose Haven site appears to be a significant intact prehistoric site with the potential to answer research questions related to Maryland prehistory. Following the 1977 excavations, plans for the housing development fell through. One house was eventually built on the site, but there are likely still intact deposits at 18AN279. At the least, the construction of the single house had considerably less impact on the site than the multiple residences planned in 1977. The site should still be considered a significant archeological resource.